

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a human-derived protein, its partial peptides, or salts thereof,
5 methods for determining a ligand to the protein, screening methods/screening kits for a compound that alters the binding property between a ligand and the protein, a compound obtainable by the screening or its salts, etc.

10 The human-derived protein of this invention or the DNA encoding the protein can be used for ① determination of ligands to the the present invention; ② prophylactic and/or therapeutic agents for diseases associated with dysfunction of the protein of the
15 present invention; ③ screening of compounds (agonists, antagonists, etc.) that alter the binding property between the protein of the present invention and ligands.

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